

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Cancelled)

1 2. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of transmitting stream-
2 ing data, the method comprising:
3 streaming a video comprising previously-stored first video data and second
4 video data from data storage to a user, and
5 receiving a request to fast-forward the video and detecting an attempt to bypass
6 the second video data and, notwithstanding the request, streaming the second video data
7 to the user;
8 wherein the first video data is stored on a first member of the data storage and the
9 second video data is stored on a second member of the data storage, the user being en-
10 abled ~~allowed~~ to fast-forward any video data stored on the first member and disabled
11 from fast-forwarding ~~but not being allowed to fast-forward~~ any video data stored on
12 the second member, to transmit the any video data stored on the second member to the
13 user with fast-forwarding disabled.

1 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the second video data in-
2 cludes data representing an advertisement.

1 4. (Previously Presented) The method, of claim 2, wherein streaming includes com-
2 pressing.

1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2 storing with the data for the video a pointer to a location of the second data on the
3 data storage.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A video streaming system comprising:

2 a first portion of a virtual partition, the first portion containing previously-stored
3 first video data,

4 a second portion of the virtual partition, the second portion containing previously-
5 stored second video data;

6 a file system operable to access video data stored on the first and second portions
7 of the virtual partition; and

8 a module operable to read the video data from the first and second portions of the
9 virtual partition, the file system being configured to access the video data from the first
10 and second portions of the virtual partition through the module, the module being config-
11 ured to refuse a request to fast-forward any video data stored on the second portion and
12 being configured to detect an attempt by a user to bypass the second video data from the
13 second portion of the virtual partition with a fast-forward request and, notwithstanding
14 the request, to transmit ~~route~~ the second video data to the user.

1 7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the second video data stored
2 on the second portion of the virtual partition includes data representing an advertisement.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the module is further operable
2 to fast-forward the first video data from the first portion of the virtual partition in response to
3 the fast-forward request.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, the system further comprising:
2 a compression unit operable to compress the data for the video.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein a pointer on the first portion
2 of the virtual partition specifies a location of the data for the video that is stored on the sec-
3 ond portion.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, further comprising:
2 a server operable to send, in response to a user request, a request to the file system

for the data stored on the first and second portions of the virtual partition, the file system being operable to receive the request from the server and provide the data stored on the first and second portions of the virtual partition to the server.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program product comprising instructions operable to cause a computer to perform operations comprising:
streaming a video comprising previously-stored first video data and second video data from data storage to a user; and
receiving a request to fast-forward the video and detecting an attempt to bypass the second video data and, notwithstanding the request, streaming the second video data to the user;
wherein the first video data is stored on a first member of the data storage and the second video data is stored on a second member of the data storage, the user being enabled allowed to fast-forward any video data stored on the first member and disabled from fast-forwarding ~~but not being allowed to fast-forward~~ any video data stored on the second member, to transmit the any video data stored on the second member to the user with fast-forwarding disabled.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein the second video data includes data representing an advertisement.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein streaming includes compressing.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, further comprising instructions for:
storing with the data for the second video a pointer to a location of the second data on the data storage.

17. (Cancelled)

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1 18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein
2 the first video data and the second video data represent different source video.

1 19. (Cancelled)

1 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the first video data and the
2 second video data represent different source video.